The following is a complete listing of revised claims with a status

identifier in parenthesis.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A method <u>for planning a technical</u>

<u>installation, the method</u> ~~of using a computer-supported project planning tool~~

~~via which a technical installation can be planned by interactively specifying a~~

~~number of descriptions of technical elements and by describing topology,~~

comprising:

receiving a selection, by a user of the project planning tool , of at least

one catalog including a number of standard descriptions of elements whose

standard descriptions cannot be changed by the user and to which a first

description priority number is assigned;

receiving a specified at least one further description of the project

planning tool; and

assigning an installation priority number to planned technical

installation by the project planning tool, wherein the first description priority

number is assigned to the planned technical installation by the project

planning tool as an installation priority number only if standard descriptions to

which the first description priority number is assigned are selected for the

project planning of the technical installation, and wherein an installation

priority number which is different from the first description priority number, is

otherwise assigned to the planned technical installation by the project planning tool.

2.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the further descriptions comprise at least one individual description, produced from the project planning tool by the user, and at least one predefined standard description which cannot be changed from the project planning tool by the user, and which is assigned a second description priority number which is different from the first description priority number, wherein the second description priority number is assigned to the planned technical installation by the project planning tool as an installation priority number only if standard descriptions are selected for planning the technical installation and at least one of the selected standard descriptions is assigned the second description priority number, and wherein the installation priority number otherwise has a value which is different from the description priority numbers.

3.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predefined standard descriptions are readable by the project planning tool from at least one standard file.

4.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the standard file is embodied as an ASCII file.

5.	(Original)	The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the specified elements and their topology can be stored in an installation file.

6.	(Original)	The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the installation file is embodied as an ASCII file.

7.	(Original)	The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein, for the selection of a standard description, the user can be offered a subset of the number of predefined standard descriptions.

8.	(Original)	The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the standard descriptions can be called to a computer network from the project planning tool.

9.	(Original)	The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the elements are electrical elements.

10.	(Original)	The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the elements include low-voltage switching devices and elements connected upstream and downstream the low voltage switching devices.

11.	(Currently Amended)	A <u>computer readable medium storing a</u> <u>computer program</u> ~~computer-supported project planning tool~~ for causing a

computer to plan a technical installation using a number of interactively specified descriptions of technical elements, <u>the computer program</u> comprising:

a first code segment for causing a computer to receive a selection, by a user of the project planning tool , of at least one catalog including a number of standard descriptions of elements whose standard descriptions cannot be changed by the user and to which a first description priority number is assigned;

a second code segment for causing a computer to receive a specified at least one further description of the project planning tool; and

a third code segment for causing a computer to assign an installation priority number to planned technical installation by the project planning tool, wherein the first description priority number is assigned to the planned technical installation by the project planning tool as an installation priority number only if standard descriptions to which the first description priority number is assigned are selected for the project planning of the technical installation, and wherein an installation priority number which is different from the first description priority number, is otherwise assigned to the planned technical installation by the project planning tool.

12.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer readable medium</u> <s>computer-supported project planning tool</s> of claim 11, wherein the further descriptions comprise at least one individual description, produced from the project planning tool by the user, and at least one predefined standard description

which cannot be changed from the project planning tool by the user, and which is assigned a second description priority number which is different from the first description priority number, wherein the second description priority number is assigned to the planned technical installation by the project planning tool as an installation priority number only if standard descriptions are selected for planning the technical installation and at least one of the selected standard descriptions is assigned the second description priority number, and wherein the installation priority number otherwise has a value which is different from the description priority numbers.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium ~~computer-supported project planning tool~~ of claim 11, wherein the predefined standard descriptions are readable by the project planning tool from at least one standard file.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium ~~computer-supported project planning tool~~ of claim 13, wherein the standard file is embodied as an ASCII file.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium ~~computer-supported project planning tool~~ of claim 11, wherein the specified elements and their topology can be stored in an installation file.

16.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer readable medium</u> ~~computer-supported project planning tool~~ of claim 15, wherein the installation file is embodied as an ASCII file.

17.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer readable medium</u> ~~computer-supported project planning tool~~ of claim 11, wherein, for the selection of a standard description, the user can be offered a subset of the number of predefined standard descriptions.

18.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer readable medium</u> ~~computer-supported project planning tool~~ of claim 11, wherein the standard descriptions can be called to a computer network from the project planning tool.

19.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer readable medium</u> ~~computer-supported project planning tool~~ of claim 11, wherein the elements are electrical elements.

20.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer readable medium</u> ~~computer-supported project planning tool~~ of claim 19, wherein the elements include low-voltage switching devices and elements which are connected upstream and downstream the low voltage switching devices.

21. (Currently Amended) The <u>computer readable medium</u> ~~computer-supported project planning tool~~ of claim 11, wherein the tool is embodied in a computer readable medium.

22. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:

a memory for storing a project planning tool;

selection means for permitting a user of the project planning tool to select at least one catalog including a number of standard descriptions of elements, whose standard descriptions cannot be changed by the user and to which a first description priority number is assigned, wherein the selection means further permits specification of at least one further description of the project planning tool; and

computer means for assigning an installation priority to a technical installation by the project planning tool, wherein the first description priority number is assigned to the planned technical installation by the project planning tool as an installation priority number only if standard descriptions to which the first description priority number is assigned are selected for the project planning of the technical installation, and wherein an installation priority number which is different from the first description priority number, is otherwise assigned to the planned technical installation by the project planning tool.

23. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 22, wherein the further descriptions comprise at least one individual description, produced from the project planning tool by the user, and at least one predefined standard description which cannot be changed from the project planning tool by the user, and which is assigned a second description priority number which is different from the first description priority number, wherein the second description priority number is assigned to the planned technical installation by the project planning tool as an installation priority number only if standard descriptions are selected for planning the technical installation and at least one of the selected standard descriptions is assigned the second description priority number, and wherein the installation priority number otherwise has a value which is different from the description priority numbers.

24. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 22, wherein the predefined standard descriptions are readable by the project planning tool from at least one standard file.

25. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein the standard file is embodied as an ASCII file.

26. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 22, wherein the specified elements and their topology can be stored in an installation file.

27. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 26, wherein the installation file is embodied as an ASCII file.

28. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 22, wherein, for the selection of a standard description, the user can be offered a subset of the number of predefined standard descriptions.

29. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 22, wherein the standard descriptions can be called to a computer network from the project planning tool.

30. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein the elements are electrical elements.

31. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 30, wherein the elements include low-voltage switching devices and elements which are connected upstream and downstream the low voltage switching devices.